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REMARKS

In response to a telephone call from Examiner Asta, the subject matter of claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1, and the subject matter of claim 14 has been incorporated into claim 13, to thereby render these claims, and their dependent claims, allowable over the cited prior art. For similar reasons, claims 11 and 23 have been amended to recite that the memory requests are tagged, to indicate the order in which they are provided by the processing device. According to the Examiner, such amendments would place these claims in allowable form as well.

Claims 4 and 16, which had previously been indicated to be allowable, have been rewritten in independent form.

The Examiner is thanked for contacting the Applicant's representative, to identify the changes that could be made to place the claims in condition for allowance. The application is now believed to be in allowable form, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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